Executive Proclamation
State of South Dakota
Office of the Governor

Whereas, The South Dakota Academy of Family Physicians was established to promote excellence in health care and the betterment of health for South Dakotans, as well as all citizens of this great country; and,

Whereas, The Academy makes every effort to keep physicians, students, and residents of this state updated on the most recent health care education, procedures, and legislative issues that affect them; and,

Whereas, The Academy has been in existence for 57 years and currently consists of 501 physician, medical student, and resident members; and,

Whereas, Each year, the Academy's board selects a "Family Doctor of the Year" from a list of physicians who are licensed in South Dakota, have practiced in South Dakota for at least 15 years, and have been a member of the Academy for that length of time, currently certified by the American Board of Family Practice, involved in community activities, and of good moral character; and,

Whereas, The Academy will hold its annual meeting in Spearfish, South Dakota, on February 7-9, 2008, at which time Dr. Robert Ray Seidel will be named "Family Doctor of the Year" at the President's Reception on February 8, 2008; and,

Whereas, Public recognition of family physicians provides a valuable service, not only for making them more visible, but to lend assurance to all citizens that they will receive the special care they need and deserve:

Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim February 8, 2008, as

FAMILY PHYSICIAN DAY

in South Dakota.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Fourteenth Day of January in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Eight.

M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:

Chris Nelson, Secretary of State